

Appl. No. 10/615,638
Supplemental Amendment dated November 17, 2005
Reply to Office Action of October 31, 2005

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is filed as a supplement to the Response to Office Action of November 10, 2005 which was responsive to an Office action dated October 31, 2005 setting forth a shortened statutory period for reply expiring on January 31, 2005. *A Petition to Make Special based on Applicant's Health has been granted for this application.*

In brief review, claims 1-8 were pending in the application with claims 1 and 6 being independent claims. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended, and claims 4- 5 have been canceled. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Accordingly, claims 1-3 and 6-8 are now pending in the application, with claims 1 and 6 being independent claims. Reconsideration of the application and claims is respectfully requested.

Amendment to Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "wherein the first and second support members are rods." Support for this amendment is provided in the specification at least at page 5, line 9 which states that "[i]n one example, the support member may be a steel rod." Accordingly, no new matter is added by this amendment.

This amendment to claim 1 is in addition to the amendments made to claim 1 as presented in the Amendment & Response of November 10, 2005. Claim 1 is believed to be allowable over the cited prior art references.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, the pending claims 1-3 and 6-8 are believed to be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Applicant believes no further fees or petitions are required with this Amendment. However, if any petitions or fees are necessary, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 accordingly.

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If the Examiner should require any additional information regarding this Amendment, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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